

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 16, 2020

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE 7:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Maas

Town Council: Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, Steven Frazier & John Welsh

Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Town Attorney: Jeff Battistoni

Call to Order and Salute to the Flag at 7:30 PM

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Councilman Durland made a motion to approve the March 19, 2020 minutes, which was seconded Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

1. Tax Collection- \$767,260 left to collect (85% collected). This % is on par with last year for collections but penalties are \$2200 vs \$9000 last year (\$11,000 in 2018).
2. Consistent with our practice, the Councilmen have received the warrants/abstracts, cash receipts, escrow report, Building Dept. report and lists of all deposits made in both the General Fund and Highway Fund.
3. Our current cash balance situation is \$3.2M in the General Fund and \$1.1M in the Highway Fund.
4. This month we moved cash balances from both Highway & General Funds into NY Class so we could get extra basis points. In March the average Yield was 1.14% and although it is steadily coming down, it is greater than the 0.15 basis points we would earn at the bank.
5. We moved \$50K, \$25K from the current year's tax levy and \$25K from Highway fund balance into the Highway Capital Reserve Account - the new balance for that Reserve Fund is \$55,561.37.
6. Cash flow for the town - unlike February when we were at 102% of our revenue goal, this month we are at 98%. Expenditures were good, we spent 82% of what was budgeted.
7. The revenue picture for 2020 does not look bright after such a terrific start to the year. The County is saying we should expect a 50% drop in both Sales & Mortgage Tax. Of note is the calculation for Sales Tax which is that >\$25M all municipalities share 18.4%. If the Count does not make over \$25M, they keep 100%. In 2019 we made \$346K in Sales Tax Revenue and \$118K in Mortgage Tax Revenue.
 - a. Which could mean, worst case scenario, we lose \$325,000 in revenue if we get no sales tax and only 50% of mortgage tax.
8. We will have to tighten our belts and hope we can have Summer Camp and the rest of the year is back to some semblance of normal.
9. Seeing some positive impact with regard to social distancing so the reminders for diligence are stronger than ever: see **Dutchess Responds Report**.
10. The Face Mask covering Directive from the county was followed last week and most notably it is necessary to help keep the employees at the Recycling Center safe. We have asked that anyone coming to the Rec. Center wear a face mask to protect themselves and our employees.
11. In Union Vale, we have 100% of our employees working from home if they are in Rec or Town Hall; Highway Department is out as is the Parks Dept. out and working every day. The Recycling Center Attendants will be wearing facemasks and gloves for everyone's protection.
12. We ask that everyone please support our local restaurants and businesses including your businesses of choice in Millbrook, LaGrange & Beekman. Everyone needs your support.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Welsh reminded everyone about the 2020 census response and to utilize the mailing that was sent with a household code. You can also visit www.my2020census.gov for further information. If you need assistance or lost the code on your mailing call: 844-330-2020 and people at the census will help you. He urged the importance as this will help bring federal money and revenue from the government in years ahead. Councilman Welsh also thanked Superintendent Kading for his help last month in salting a driveway in the higher elevation area so rescue equipment could access the individual in need of the ambulance and medical personnel.

Councilman Durland spoke about his involvement with checking on seniors in the community who may have been in need during this time. Although everyone he spoke to was in good shape, he still offers his time for anyone who cannot or does not feel comfortable going into a store. Supervisor Maas mentioned residents, Mary Ann Delise and Dave McMorris, are also offering the same assistance for anyone in need.

Councilman McGivney noted that the numbers look like they are beginning to flatten which is encouraging but urged everyone to continue to wear their masks and practice good hygiene. He also noted how positives can come from situations like these in the way people have risen to the occasion to volunteer their time to those in need.

Councilman Frazier expressed his sincere condolences to County Executive Marc Molinaro who lost his father due to Covid-19 last week. He has also been researching some of the upcoming issues the Board will be dealing with.

Highway Report

Superintendent Kading has scheduled the paving for 2020 with an aggressive schedule mile wise, as they plan to repave nearly 2 miles of road this season. Reclamation will begin on Bloomer April 20 and he hopes by mid-day on April 22 that road should be done with reclaiming, grading and prep for blacktop, including rolling. They will then move to Jordan Court and do the same process. The blacktop as of now, is scheduled for the week of May 11 and he plans on having both roads completed by approximately May 14th. Shortly after that, stone oil and chip for Still Road, Mennella Road, Quinlan and Mallory, (the section that was paved last year) as of now scheduled for June 1st, weather permitting.

There will be a guardrail repaired on Bloomer after the blacktopping as it does not impede the paving, Superintendent Kading thanked Councilman Frazier for noticing the need for repair. Superintendent Kading will be doing pothole repairs as soon as next week when the plants are able to open. They have been taking advantage of the lack of foliage and cutting brush back. He also noted his maintenance schedule on the highway machinery. The Highway crew has built a shed out of old material and has used it for housing machinery with a cost under \$1,000.00. The Highway Department is now able to take brush from residents only, no commercial trucks (as this is on video surveillance), mulch is available as well to Union Vale Residents. Please let Superintendent Kading know if something needs attention.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Casey noted Shredding Day will be rescheduled due to the pandemic which was slated for April 22nd. The Recycling Center continues to be open regular hours and is now attracting new members. The current pass totals are: 398 resident passes 332 for non-resident.

Park / Recreation Report

Park Manager Jake Gosnell prepared a written report for tonight's meeting that was read aloud by Councilman Durland.

Park Report 4/16/2020

- 1 Cleared the trees and brush from the slope on the east side of the large soccer field on the top of the hill. Over the years it has grown in and become a mess, teams were losing balls down there constantly, so we went through and cleared to out and got it to a point where it can now be mowed
- 2 Picnic tables, there are 32 old assorted picnic tables throughout the park, over the past few weeks they have been brought into the shop one by one and the tops of the tables and benches have been scraped down and sanded to remove loose paint and then primed with tinted primer and painted to freshen things up and get rid of the peeling paint that would stick to people when they sat on the benches
- 3 We put up a new round of signs on Duncan road and throughout the east side of the park to remind people of the no dogs allowed rule on that side of the park. We had a lot of complaints from residents
- 4 Trail work is an ongoing thing that is never totally done, this season is a perfect example, we were happy and felt that we were looking good, then we got the crazy wind at the beginning of the week and it brought down some monster trees, so there is tree cleanup happening. If anyone is out for a hike and sees a down tree, please let myself or my guys know and we will get on it
- 5 Floor in big hall has been stripped and waxed, next will be the floor in the senior room. The tables that are used for rentals in the big hall are being deep cleaned as well as the tables in the senior room; the fabric chairs in the senior room are being shampooed

The Recreation Department is working from home and is currently preparing for a hopeful camp season. Any resident who paid in advance will get a full refund if this camp season cannot take place. Supervisor Maas also reported that Shelly Knight, Camp Director, has been in communication with Summer staff with all updates.

2 Tymor Park Lease

Supervisor Maas spoke about the work that would need to be done in order to get a C/O (Certificate of Occupancy) on the house as prepared by Building Inspector George Kolb. Supervisor Maas noted that they had 2 quotes come in already to obtain a market price for the work. Since they could not vote on the price of the work without the 3rd quote, she offered that they could vote on moving forward with infrastructure needs. The Council read the report from Z3 consultants and had no questions on the material reported in it.

New Business

The Board agreed to cancel Community Day and plan for Community Night on June 26th with a potential rain date of July 10th. As updates from the County are available the Board will continue to make adjustments to the community schedule.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

The Town has until the end of July to complete the improvements to obtain the C/O (Certificate of Occupancy). Councilman Welsh made a motion to agree to the concept of perusing the Certificate of Occupancy and know there is a list of things that are out of compliance that need to be completed by July 31, 2020 with the specifics of how to do this still awaiting arrival. This was seconded by Councilman McGivney and all were unanimously in favor. If the quotes all arrive in time, they will take action at the work session on May 7, 2020.

Resolutions (See Resolutions)

Resolution #20-23 Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to sign a 26-month lease for #2 Tymor Park Road

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Councilman Durland made a motion to approve budget adjustments, warrants, pay bills which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

No public comments

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 8:24pm Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Supervisor Maas and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Casey
Town Clerk

May 7, 2020 Work Session
May 21, 2020 Agenda Meeting

TOWN OF UNION VALE TOWN BOARD

RESOLUTION # 20-23:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A 26 MONTH LEASE FOR
2 TYMOR PARK ROAD**

Councilman Welsh introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Maas, as follows:

WHEREAS, Pathfinder Academy LLC, founded by Colin McComb, a Union Vale resident, and John Forbes, is an independent college preparatory school that combines stringent education with an introduction to “an elite soccer training environment”; and

WHEREAS, Pathfinder Academy LLC will be housing in 2 Tymor Park Road, two adult Resident Assistants (RA’s) and 8-10 athletes who are believed to be driven in their pursuit of “academic and athletic excellence” while they attend school in Salt Point, NY and Spain as part of their regular curriculum; and

WHEREAS, a lease has been negotiated with Pathfinder Academy LLC and a final draft of that lease is on file with the Town Clerk;

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a 26-month lease, in substantially the same form as the final draft on file with the Town Clerk, with Colin McComb, of the Pathfinder Academy LLC, for the purposes of providing these student athletes an opportunity to live locally in order to attend school as boarders.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Frazier	Nay
Councilman Durland	Aye
Councilman McGivney	Aye
Councilman Welsh	Aye
Supervisor Maas	Aye

DATED: Union Vale, New York, April 16, 2020



Andrea Casey, TOWN CLERK